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SUBJECT: MAPUTO CONFERENCE - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ADOPTS
DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION

1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE LATE MAY 20 COMPLETED WORK ON DRAFT
DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION, ADOPTING THEM BY CONSENSUS
BUT WITH RECOGNITION OF VARIOUS RESERVATIONS. BOTH DOCUMENTS
WERE PRESENTED TO PLENARY SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 21, FOR
ADOPTION AS THE FINAL DOCUMENTS OF THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE.

2. IN PARA-BY-PARA REVIEW OF THE DRAFTS, COMMITTEE MADE
SEVERAL TEXTUAL CHANGES, MOSTLY EDITORIAL AND INCONSEQUENTIAL.
BRITISH WERE MILDLY RELIEVED WHEN COMMITTEE DECIDED, ON
MOZAMBICAN INITIATIVE, TO DELETE REFERENCE TO PATRIOTIC FRONT
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IN RHODESIA AS A "POSITIVE STEP" IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE.
AFRICANS ALSO GENERATED A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE USE OF "NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENT" (SINGULAR), WHICH BRITISH FEARED MIGHT
EXCLUDE SOME ELEMENTS THEY MUST DEAL WITH IN ZIMBABWE NEGOTIATIONS.
SALIM GAVE UK A PLEASANT SURPRISE WHEN HE PROVIDED
A THUMPING CLARIFICATION OF THE USE OF THE SINGULAR, SAYING
IT WAS READ BY HIM IN A BROAD MEANING AND DID NOT EXCLUDE

ANY ORGANIZED GROUP ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE STRUGGLE. OTHERWISE, PRINCIPAL CHANGES INVOLVED ADDITION OF PASSAGES REFERRING TO THE DAKAR HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE (SENEGAL), INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWEANS AND NAMIBIANS (CANADA), AND STRENGTHENED UN PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO).

3. SALIM RAN PROCEEDINGS WITH A FIRM RESISTANCE TO REAL DEBATE. IN ADDITION TO SUGGESTIONS FOR TEXTUAL CHANGES, A LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS ENTERED RESERVATIONS ON VARIOUS POINTS.

-- USDEL BRIEFLY EXPLAINED U.S. POSITION ON ART. 41 AND ARMS EMBARGO, AS WELL AS SUCCESSFUL REBUTTAL OF SOVIET EFFORT TO PIN BLAME FOR MERCENARIES ON CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES.

-- UK, CANADA AND FRG MADE BRIEF GENERAL STATEMENTS OF RESERVATION ABOUT THE DECLARATION, AND THE UK INTERVENED ON SENSITIVITY OF THE NEGOTIATING EFFORT IN RHODESIA, RESERVED POSITIONS ON ARMS EMBARGO AND SWAPO.

-- BELGIUM AND FRG RESERVED ON EMINENCE ACCORDED SWAPO.

-- TURKEY MADE BROAD STATEMENT OF RESERVATION ON SOME SPECIFIC POINTS, AS DID AUSTRALIA AND THE NORDICS.

-- SOVIETS NOTED RESERVATIONS ON TWO POINTS IN ACTION PROGRAM RELATING TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

-- UK, AUSTRIA, ITALY AND NETHERLANDS RESERVED ON ACTION PROGRAM CALL FOR LEGISLATION AGAINST RECRUITMENT, ETC., OF MERCENARIES.

4. IN ADDITION TO SALIM'S NO - ONSENSE CONTROL, DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE WAS WORKED BY THE FREQUENT INTERVENTION AND ALMOST DOMINATING INFLUENCE OF THE MOZAMBICAN DEL (SERGIO VIERRA). ALSO INTERESTING WAS THE PATTERN OF ESSENTIALLY CONSERVATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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NON-IDEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUCH WEST AFRICAN DELS AS SENEGAL, MALI, IVORY COAST, TOGO AND GHANA. A NUMBER OF AFRICAN DELS WERE VISIBLY IRRITATED WITH IVORY COAST, IN PARTICULAR, FOR HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH NUMDANE AND SENSIBLE TEXTUAL PROPOSALS. OVER ALL, THE FRANK INTENT OF THE CONFERENCE LEADERS TO BLOCK THE EMERGENCE OF CONTENTIONS AND ENSURE AGREEMENT ON WHAT THEY CONSIDER AN UNPRECEDENTEDLY MODERATE SET OF DOCUMENTS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND CONTROLLING ATMOSPHERIC.

5. THE TWO DOCUMENTS REPORTED REPORTED TO PLENARY WITH EXPLICIT INDICATION THAT MANY DELS HAD RESERVATIONS WITH VARIOUS PARAGRAPHS.
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